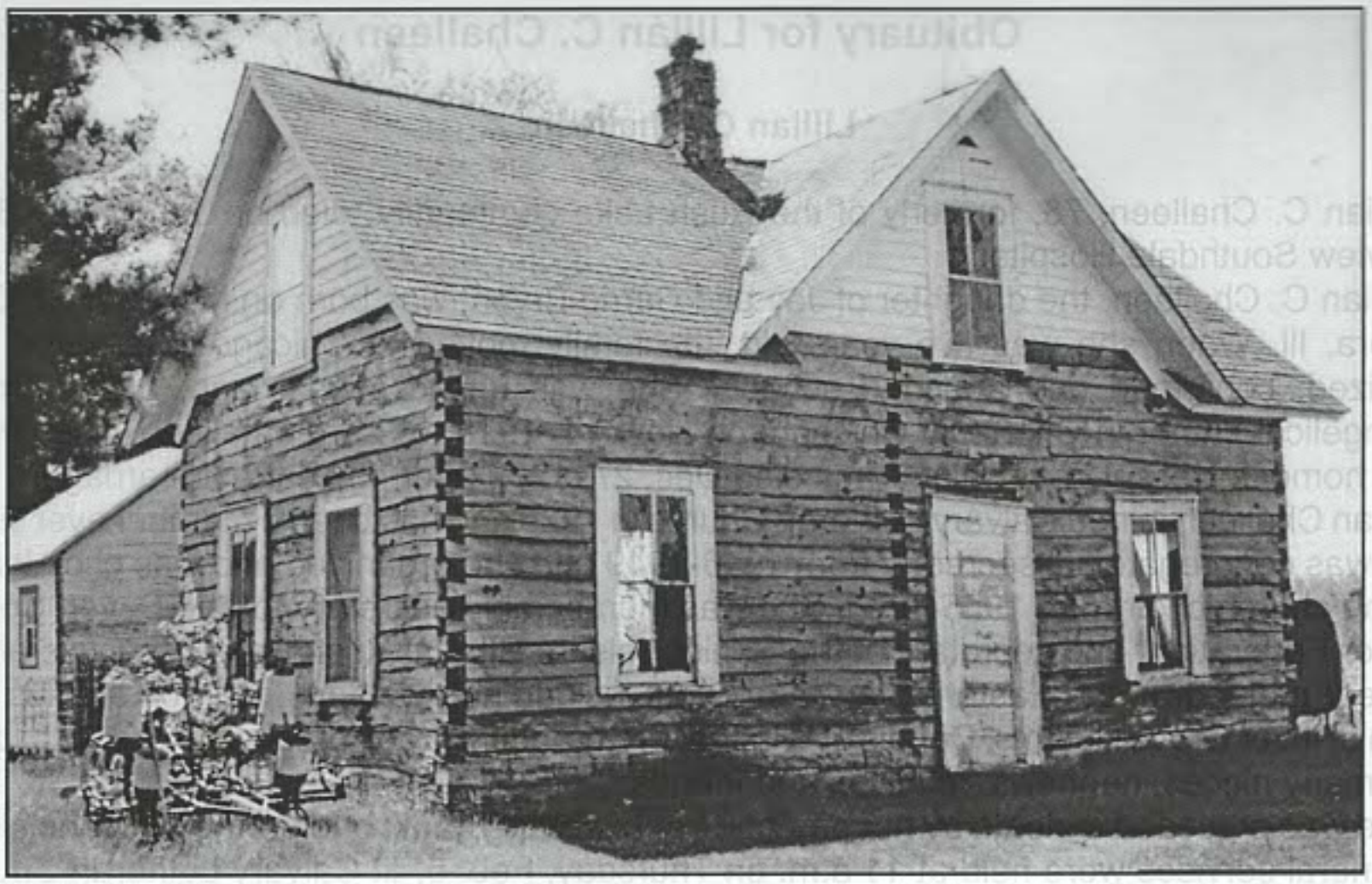
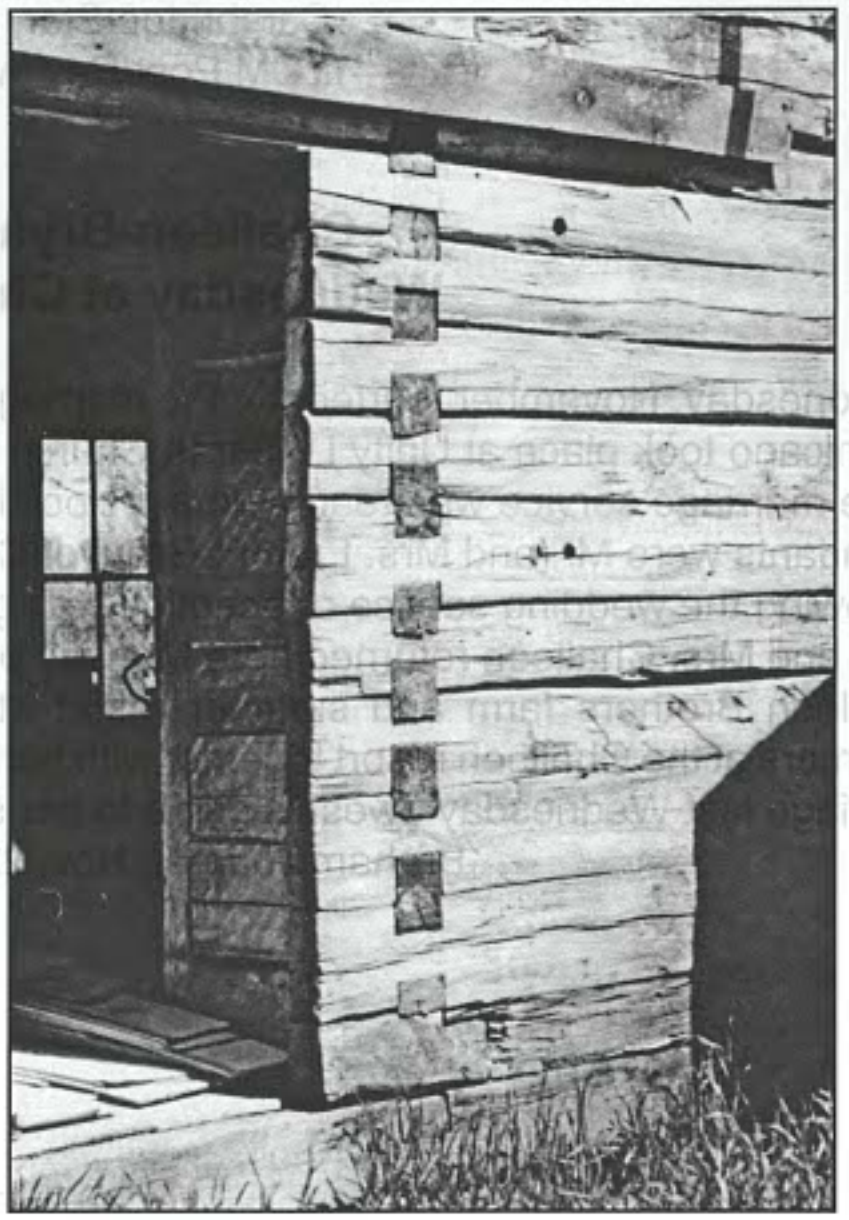


Magnus Challeen's Log House

When the new owners began tearing down the farm house in 1982, they discovered a log structure underneath the siding. Magnus probably started the construction of the log home in 1892 because that date is carved into a floor board along with a carved picture of a house. The initial structure appears to have had three rooms on the ground floor and a single large room upstairs. As time passed by, more rooms were added and siding was put over the logs. The final structure had nine rooms. Appreciating its historical significance, the owners left the log structure standing and made arrangements with the Chisago County Historical Society for its preservation. In 1995, someone has acquired it and will move the logs to a location near North Branch where they will be refurbished. The log house will then be reconstructed and inhabited. It should remain standing for a long time to come.